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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8022

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, LE, CA

SUBJECT: CANADIAN REPRESENTATION

1. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR AMYOT IS LEAVING BEIRUT FOR GOOD JAN 12. HE IS PROCEEDING DAMASCUS AND AMMAN TO TAKE HIS LEAVE OF SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN AUTHORITIES. HE WILL BE REPLACED BY A RELATIVELY JUNIOR CHARGE AND HIS STAFF HERE IS BEING REDUCED TO PRINCIPALLY CONSULAR OFFICERS.

2. FOREGOING IS RESULT HIGH LEVEL CANADIAN DECISION, PRINCIPALLY FOR BUDGETARY REASONS. THINKING BEING THAT AS THERE IS NO REPEAT NO COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC AFFAIRS OR POLITICAL ACTIVITY FOR CANADIANS IN BEIRUT, THERE WAS NO REPEAT NO REASON TO MAINTAIN A RELATIVELY LARGE MISSION HERE.

3. IN TAKING HIS LEAVE OF PRESIDENT FRANGIE, AMBASSADOR AMYOT HAD A STICKY FEW MINUTES, FOR PRESIDENT UNDERSTOOD CANADA CLOSING EMBASSY. THIS BROUGHT FORTH A TIRADE, INCLUDING EVEN THREATS CANADIAN LEBANESE WOULD MANIFEST THEIR DISPLEASURE AGAINST OTTAWA. AMYOT FINALLY GOT A

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WORD IN AND STRESSED TEMPORARY NATURE OF EMBASSY REDUCTION.

FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA, WHO RECEIVED AMYOT AT HIS HOME,
THE FOREIGN OFFICE STILL NOT REPEAT NOT BEING USED, WAS
MORE UNDERSTANDING BUT STILL CHAGRINED. GODLEY

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